

IN THE CLAIMS

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Previously Presented) A method of trapping insects with an insect trap having a housing defining an entrance and a trapping area disposed below the entrance, the method comprising the step of:

coating a zone of or within the housing with a composition including particles comprising a magnetic material, whereby an insect in contact with the composition becomes at least partially coated with the composition and is destabilized, thereby falling into the trapping area.

Claim 2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of from 2 to 100 μ m.

Claim 3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the magnetic material is a ferromagnetic oxide.

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are applied to a surface in an area of the zone of or within the housing in which pests are present.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of magnetic particles.

Claim 6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical is admixed with the particles of the magnetic material.

Claim 7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a

pesticide or behavior modifying chemical is coated onto the particles of the magnetic material.

Claim 8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.

Claim 9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.

Claim 10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.

Claim 11. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

Claims 15 -22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) An insect trap comprises a housing, a zone of

the housing or a zone within the housing comprising a magnetically polarized material and the zone being coated with a composition including particles comprising a magnetic material of opposite polarity to that of the magnetically polarized material.

Claim 24. (Original) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarized material is formed by a portion of at least one wall of the housing.

Claim 25. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarized material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material is a ferromagnetic oxide.

Claim 28. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone is coated with particles of a pesticidal composition.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition consists of the magnetic particles.

Claims 30 - 45 (Canceled)

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) An insect trap according to claim 23, wherein the composition consists of the magnetic particles.

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Claim 47. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said surface is inclined to the horizontal.

Claims 48 - 50. (Canceled)